

1. A substantially pure polypeptide consisting of a sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 24, 25, 26, and 27, amino acids 255-322 of SEQ ID NO: 40, and amino acids 241-308 of SEQ ID NO: 42, wherein said polypeptide is capable of inhibiting apoptosis of a mammalian cell when said polypeptide is expressed in said cell.

2. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 24.

3. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 25.

4. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 26.

5. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 27.

6. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to amino acids 255-322 of SEQ ID NO: 40.

7. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to amino acids 241-308 of SEQ ID NO: 42.

8. A substantially pure polypeptide consisting of a sequence selected

from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 24, 25, 26, and 27, amino acids 255-322 of SEQ ID NO: 40, and amino acids 241-308 of SEQ ID NO: 42, wherein said polypeptide is capable of inhibiting apoptosis of a mammalian cell when said polypeptide is expressed in said cell.

9. The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein said polypeptide has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24.

10. The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein said polypeptide has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25.

11. The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein said polypeptide has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26.

12. The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein said polypeptide has the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 27.

13. The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein said polypeptide has the sequence of amino acids 255-322 of SEQ ID NO: 40.

14. The polypeptide of claim 8, wherein said polypeptide has the sequence of amino acids 241-308 of SEQ ID NO: 42.

15. A substantially pure polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 24, 25, 26, and 27, amino acids 255-322 of SEQ ID NO: 40, and amino acids 241-308 of SEQ ID NO: 42, wherein said

polypeptide is capable of inhibiting apoptosis of a mammalian cell when said polypeptide is expressed in said cell.

16. The polypeptide of claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24.

17. The polypeptide of claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25.

18. The polypeptide of claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26.

19. The polypeptide of claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 27.

20. The polypeptide of claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of amino acids 255-322 of SEQ ID NO: 40.

21. The polypeptide of claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of amino acids 241-308 of SEQ ID NO: 42.